

ABSTRACT

An antifungal composition suitable for parenteral administration to a mammal includes an amount of pimarinic acid or an antifungal derivative thereof that is effective to inhibit the growth of a fungal infection in a mammal; a pharmaceutically acceptable dipolar aprotic solvent; and a pharmaceutically acceptable aqueous secondary solvent. The composition can be used in methods of preventing or treating a systemic fungal infection in a mammal. The composition can be prepared by dissolving pimarinic acid or an antifungal derivative thereof in the pharmaceutically acceptable dipolar aprotic solvent; adding to the solution a pharmaceutically acceptable aqueous secondary solvent; and in a preferred method, by subsequently lyophilizing the composition, whereby a dry, shelf-stable composition is produced. This dry composition can be reconstituted into an aqueous solution suitable for parenteral administration.